TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL J. ADELMAN

1. My name is Michael J. Adelman and I reside at 153 North Street, Monroeville, Ohio 44847, approximately 30 miles from Shelby, Ohio and 15 miles from Willard, Ohio. Since June 1981, prior to the station's commencement of operations (in December 1981), I have been employed by Station WSWR(FM) ("WSWR"), Shelby, Ohio, first as Sales Manager and currently as Willard Station Manager. I was hired by Emma D. Slone, then a member of the board of directors of The Petroleum V. Nasby Corporation ("Nasby"), licensee of WSWR. Since at least 1983 I am Vice President of Nasby.

Background

2. I am 43 years of age and have resided in Monroeville my entire life. I am a graduate of Monroeville High School. My spouse of 22 years, Melodie Ann Leber Adelman, is the Food Service Director for the Willard City Schools, Willard, Ohio. We are the parents of five children ranging from age 22 down to age 14. Prior to my positions with Nasby I held a sales position with another radio station licensed to Norwalk, Ohio. In my position as Willard Station Manager, I am primarily responsible for the community relations and sales activities of WSWR in Willard and for maintaining a station presence in Willard. WSWR maintains a second studio in downtown Willard from where I also produce and host a live weekly coaches' show each Saturday morning featuring the competing coaches' from the area high schools' boy's and girl's

sporting events featured (including live play-by-play coverage) by the station the night before. I also cover school board meetings and other news events in coordination with the station's news director. As Vice President, I also provide management back-up, when necessary, to Nasby President and General Manager, Timothy J. Moore, to whom I work closely with and report to directly. Prior to Tim's tenure as President and General Manager of Nasby, I worked closely with and reported directly to David L. Williamson, then the President and General Manager of Nasby. In all my years at the station, I have never reported to anyone other than the station's General Managers, nor to my knowledge has any other station employee.

I am active individually, and in connection with WSWR community relations, in the following community and civic Member, Willard Area Kiwanis Club (past 11 years); Member and past officer, Willard Chamber of Commerce and downtown business committee; 12-year council member, village of Monroeville, Ohio; Active member of St. Joseph's Parish (have served as Co-Chair of parish summer festival, lectorer, and past member chairperson of the parish school advisory committee); service on numerous fundraising, booster, and school levy committees for the past several years. The station's most recent contributions to the Willard community include: a live broadcast remote from the Willard Kiwanis with the proceeds going to the Huron River Valley Habitat for Humanity; live broadcast remotes for support of Willard YMCA's "Partnership With Youth" Program; a live broadcast remote

for the benefit of the Huron County Unit of the American Cancer Society; a live broadcast remote at the Willard Kiwanis spaghetti dinner with proceeds going to the Willard YMCA's youth programs and a live remote for the collection of canned foods for the Willard Food Bank.

Construction and Management of WSWR (FM)

Having been hired in June 1981, prior to the commencement of station operations, I can attest to the significant time and energy expended by then General Manager and Nasby President David L. Williamson in completing construction of WSWR before year-end, following his arrival in Shelby in July 1981. Dave literally built station's studios with his own hands and oversaw installation of the station's tower and antenna. David was responsible for the hiring and firing of all other station staff and exercised complete control over all facets of the station's operations, including the selection of the station's format, establishing station policy in such areas as news and entertainment programming, employment, business and financial matters. Timothy J. Moore's tenure as President and General Manager, Tim exercises complete management control over all facets of WSWR's operations, including but not limited to, the hiring/terminating of station employees, the establishing of station policy in such areas as programming, employment, business and financial.

Contact with Thomas L. Root

5. With the exception of Thomas L. Root's attendance at a Nasby corporate meeting which I was invited to attend in the early

years, I cannot recall ever seeing Thomas L. Root or any of the other Nasby shareholders for that matter (except Timothy J. Moore and Marty Sowers, who both work at WSWR) at the station. My only recall of ever having any dealings with Thomas L. Root related to my reelection candidacy to the Monroeville Village Council, of which I have been a council member for 12 years. As a result of my appearances on WSWR during my regularly scheduled coaches' show, an opponent inquired of the FCC as to whether or not WSWR was required to afford him "equal time." I recall speaking by telephone to Thomas L. Root on this matter since he was the station's FCC attorney and was handling the inquiry for the station at the FCC. It is my recall that WSWR received a ruling sometime in 1987 that it was not required to afford "equal time" as the village of Monroeville lies exclusively outside the service area of WSWR. do not recall ever having any further dealings with Thomas L. Root after that time period. I do recall the station reporting on Mr. Root's airplane crash as did other stations around the country.

Adverse Affect of Loss of Station in Community

6. WSWR is the only station licensed to Shelby, a community of approximately 9,000 people. Willard, which has a population of 6,000 (though the labor force is in the approximate range of 20,000 to 25,000 people) is primarily served by WSWR's coverage. Willard has no daily newspaper; its paper is published bi-weekly. WSWR is well received in both communities as well as even smaller communities like Plymouth. This is so in my opinion because the station is perceived in the communities as being the only "local

voice" as no other stations which can be received from larger communities like Mansfield, provide the attention to the needs of Shelby and Willard as does WSWR through its daily local newscasts and sports coverage. The credit for this is directly attributable to the "hands-on" management of then General Manager David L. Williamson and current General Manager Timothy J. Moore and the station's dedicated staff. Indeed when the station was required to air public notices concerning the FCC hearing proceeding, I received several calls asking "what had Tim or I done?" so notwithstanding that the issue in the public notice specifically referred to Thomas L. Root's convictions and the potential effect thereof on the station's license renewal. The fact is WSWR is not perceived in the community as being managed or operated by Thomas L. Root, or associated with him in any way. Rather WSWR's credibility in the minds of the citizens of Shelby and Willard, Ohio rests with Tim and me, not with actions taken by Thomas L. Root wholly unrelated to the management, operation and control of It would be devastating to the community-at-large as well as to the innocent WSWR employees and their families, to lose WSWR by the arbitrary imposition of Thomas L. Root's unrelated convictions on Nasby's license renewal.

The foregoing testimony is made under penalty of perjury and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Michael J. Adelman

Dated: November 23, 1993

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TESTIMONY OF KATHY G. ROOT

- 1. My name is Kathy G. Root and I reside in Norwalk, Ohio. I am a shareholder of The Petroleum V. Nasby Corporation ("Nasby"), licensee of WSWR(FM) ("WSWR"), Shelby, Ohio. I own 33 shares of Nasby stock in my own name and I am the custodian of 50 shares of Nasby stock for the benefit of two of my minor children, Thomas P.J. Root and Leslie J.L. Root. My spouse, Thomas L. Root, and I, are the parents of Thomas P.J. Root (age 12), Leslie J.L. Root (age 9) and Travis S.C. Root (age 5).
- In December 1986 trusts were established by my husband and me for Thomas P.J. Root and Leslie J.L. Root, then our only A third child -- Travis S.C. Root -- was born to my husband and me in December 1987. We commenced the establishment of a trust for Travis in 1988 and had planned for a long time to "even things up" for all three children relative to stock ownership in WSWR. We did not get around to doing so until after the purchase of additional Nasby stock by my husband from the Williamsons' and through the preemptive rights stock purchase, both of which occurred in the spring of 1989. It was my understanding from my husband that the stock transactions, which were gifts to our minor children to make them all equal in their respective Nasby stock ownership, were structured so as to permit the stock transfers without exceeding the \$10,000 per donee per annum gift tax ceiling, considering the fair market value of Nasby stock at the time of \$400 per share.

3. In transferring the stock from my husband and me to the children, including the transfer of Nasby stock to my mother as trustee for our minor children, I was not aware of, nor did I focus on, the possibility that the transfers could result in the need to seek prior FCC approval of the transfers. In my mind I knew that the amount of stock being redistributed for estate planning purposes would not result in any of us holding a majority interest in the station. Consequently, I never discussed the potential need for filing an application to the FCC with my husband nor he with me. Since my husband was the station's FCC attorney, I also assumed that he would handle whatever paperwork was necessary to effectuate the transfers.

The foregoing testimony is made under penalty of perjury and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Kathy G. Root

Dated: November 29, 1993

Appendix A

DECLARATION

- 1. My name is Stanley L. Andrews and I am the Executive Director of the YMCA ("Y"), in Willard, Ohio, a position I have held since 1985. I am preparing this Declaration at the request of, and in cooperation with, The Petroleum V. Nasby Corporation, licensee of Station WSWR(FM) ("WSWR"), Shelby, Ohio, for submission to the Federal Communications Commission in connection with its application for renewal of its license to operate that station.
- 2. I have been a resident of Willard since I assumed my position with the Y in Willard in August 1985. I am an active member of the Kiwanis in Willard, where I recently completed service as President. Based on my experiences in Willard, I am fully familiar with WSWR's contributions in Willard.
- 3. WSWR has promoted and participated in several fundraisers for the Y at no charge to it. As recently as November 4th, WSWR cosponsored a fundraising event for the Y's youth department. The station regularly airs public service announcements on behalf of the Y and its various programs, including the Partners in Youth Program, which solicits funds for the sponsorship of youth scholarships and for the Y's day care program. In gratitude of WSWR's support and contributions to the Y's Partners In Youth Program, we awarded the station with a special plaque commemorating its support.
- 4. The Y in Willard is also quite unique. In addition to its extensive youth programs, the Willard Y is the last of the specially-chartered "Railroad Y's" which formerly existed in communities throughout the country where railroads played a

significant role in the communities' economic and social settings. The Willard Y continues to provide round-the-clock housing and food service for transient railroad employees. Because of the special needs of railroad workers, who spend an inordinate amount of time away from family and other traditional support, the Y provides extensive one-on-one drug and alcohol counseling. WSWR has contributed greatly in its support of permitting the Y to appear on-air during live remotes in order to inform the public of its drug and alcohol counseling programs as well as its other programs which are available to the community at large. During these remotes the Y is obviously able to use the free airtime to solicit funds in order to defray a portion of the costs of the programs -- obviously essential to the Y's overall ability to operate in small communities. WSWR has also featured the programs and activities sponsored by the Y by announcing upcoming programs and events on WSWR's "community bulletin board."

As the past President and still an active member of the Kiwanis I am also aware that WSWR cosponsored a "Spaghetti Dinner," the proceeds of which were given to a nonprofit organization for benefit of eye research. Its support οf nonprofit organizations like the Y and Kiwanis is critical in small communities like Willard and Shelby where promotion of the nonprofit activities must constantly be brought to the attention of the community for both to thrive. WSWR has been and continues to be an integral part of the Willard and Shelby community and I strongly support the renewal of its license.

The foregoing declaration is made under penalty of perjury and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Stanley L. Andrews

Dated: November 22, 1993

DECLARATION

- 1. My name is David O. Bauerle and I am President of the Willard Chamber of Commerce, Willard, Ohio, a position I have held for nearly two years. I am preparing this Declaration at the request of, and in cooperation with, The Petroleum V. Nasby Corporation, licensee of Station WSWR(FM) ("WSWR"), Shelby, Ohio, for submission to the Federal Communications Commission in connection with its application for renewal of its license to operate that station.
- 2. I am the owner of Action Lumber, a family-owned lumber and home improvement business started by my grandfather under the name Willard Woodworking Company in Willard. I am a lifelong resident of Willard (with the exception of college) and I am civically active in the community, including currently serving as a member of the school council of St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church in Willard, in addition to my service as President of the Chamber of Commerce. Based upon my involvement in the community, I am fully aware of the contributions to the community by WSWR.
- 3. WSWR has served as a sponsor of the Chamber's "Business After Hours" event, which is held four times a year in Willard and is attended by anywhere from 50 to 125 people who meet informally to discuss problems facing the community. These events are successful in part due to their promotion by WSWR and the participation by other members of the business community who desire to foster support of the community by small business. These events oftentimes are the only time the business community is able to get together and meet with each other in an informal setting in order

to discuss matters affecting the community. These events are very community-oriented with the proceeds turned back to the community for various needs. Hopefully as a by-product of the support of the community of this and other events, industry is very strong in Willard, even though the population is small.

I am an alumna of Willard High School and appreciate WSWR's coverage of the school's activities, including its sports I have small children and look forward to the day when their individual and collective achievements will be recognized and reinforced in a positive way through coverage by WSWR. coverage is truly remarkable for its ability to go the extra length -- covering every local sport engaged in by both the girl's teams and boy's teams -- often following the area's girl's and boy's teams to the state finals wherever they may be held. The communities of Willard and Shelby are extremely sports-oriented, not uncommon in small communities where schools are the primary focus of the community. WSWR has done an excellent job in covering local sports and in covering all local issues of interest in our One of my fellow alums, Marty Sowers, who has been employed by WSWR since it went on the air, regularly represents the station at meetings held by the Chamber of Commerce and fully contributes to the success of the station in the community notwithstanding the impairments which he endures as a result of multiple sclerosis. I can think of no other broadcast station who does more for Willard than WSWR and I strongly support renewal of its license.

The foregoing declaration is made under penalty of perjury and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

David O. Bauerle

Dated: November 22, 1993

DECLARATION

- 1. My name is Stephen C. Bell and I am the Assistant Superintendent of Shelby City Schools, in Shelby, Ohio, a position I have held for the past 11 years. I am preparing this Declaration at the request of, and in cooperation with, The Petroleum V. Nasby Corporation, licensee of Station WSWR(FM) ("WSWR"), Shelby, Ohio, for submission to the Federal Communications Commission in connection with its application for renewal of its license to operate that station.
- 2. Prior to my current position, I served as a junior high school principal in Shelby. I have lived in Shelby since 1958. I am an active member of the Shelby Sertoma Club (speech and hearing), the Shelby Chamber of Commerce and a local church. Based upon my involvement in Shelby, I am fully aware of the contributions made to Shelby by Station WSWR.
- 3. In my position as Assistant Superintendent, with my major responsibility being the oversight of the schools' curriculum and personnel, I have worked closely with all the news directors of WSWR over the years. The station is the school board's primary information link with the community relative to school closings and other like news events. WSWR almost always attends and covers the monthly school board meetings, regularly reporting on the meetings in its daily local newscasts. It consistently reports on education issues in a fair and accurate manner. Those of us affiliated with the school board are frequently called upon by WSWR to give an opinion of the effect or potential impact on the local level of education issues and events taking place at the state and national

level. The school board welcomes WSWR's solicitation of its input as it gives us an opportunity to communicate directly with the community on these important issues. A recent example of WSWR's welcomed solicitation of our input was the defeat earlier this month of the school levy for a third time. The high school students walked out in protest and the station covered the protest in its newscasts. The walk-out occurred on a day when both the Superintendent and I were out of town. While the station covered the walk-out it also followed-up by interviewing the chief of police and upon my return to the city, it contacted me for the school board's input. In so doing I believe that the station acted very responsibly in providing balanced news coverage of this controversy.

- 4. The school levy continues to be a topic of concern in Shelby, particularly where the local schools are the primary focus of the community. In recognition of this fact the station has in the past provided airtime free of charge for radio call-in programs during which school funding and the school levy issue were discussed. The ability of a one-on-one question and answer exchange which is then disseminated to several thousand people directly is an invaluable resource to the school board and to the public at-large which is afforded an opportunity to express their concerns and be given immediate and hopefully useful feedback by the school board concerning the views expressed.
- 5. WSWR's contributions to Shelby and its schools are further underscored by its promotion of the schools' club activities and

athletic events, all done at no cost to the schools. The station has also sponsored pregame events for which the proceeds have been used to support high school youth programs. The last event held before the last football game of season had approximately 5,000 people in attendance. WSWR's coverage of school athletic events also reflects its sensitivity to the community as a whole where its coverage routinely features the girl's sports programs on an equal level with the boy's sports programs. My own daughter plays volleyball and basketball and is appreciative of the recognition in the community which has resulted from WSWR's coverage. As both an educator and parent I can attest to the positive reinforcement the equal treatment WSWR affords to the participants in these programs and the resultant effect on their respective self-images. station's coverage has obviously served to promote the perception in the community of the importance of girl's sports programs as well.

6. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce I am aware of WSWR's sponsorship and promotion of the Chamber's "Business After Hours" events. These events, held four times a year, are useful settings for the interaction of the members of the business community to discuss problems facing the community. Moreover, proceeds from these events are used to fund scholarships which are awarded by the Chamber. WSWR has continuously served the needs of the entire community of Shelby and I fully support the renewal of its license.

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The foregoing declaration is made under penalty of perjury and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Stephen C. Bell

Dated: November 22, 1993

DECLARATION

- 1. My name is Donald M. Graham and I am President of Donald M. Graham & Associates, a comprehensive insurance and financial planning services firm, of Willard, Ohio. I am preparing this Declaration at the request of, and in cooperation with, The Petroleum V. Nasby Corporation, licensee of Station WSWR(FM), ("WSWR"), Shelby, Ohio, for submission to the Federal Communications Commission in connection with its application for renewal of its license to operate that station.
- In addition to my insurance and financial planning 2. services firm, I am a member of the Board of Trustees of Ashland University, in Ashland, Ohio. I formerly taught at Willard High School and served as head football coach. In connection with other community participation, I have called upon WSWR to promote charity events and in each instance the station has been very responsive. My firm has co-sponsored with WSWR a "Business After Hours" event which was held in the center of downtown Willard, and which raised funds for the benefit of the community. I am also aware that WSWR participated in a live broadcast co-sponsored by a local business for which the proceeds of the event were given to the Christy Lane Schools. which provide educational opportunities the handicapped.
- 3. Moreover, WSWR is very involved with the local schools, both in Shelby and Willard. In addition to airing live coverage of Shelby High School and Willard High School boys' football and boys' and girls' basketball games, as well as routinely covering all other boys' and girls' sporting events at the schools, WSWR

actively promotes the schools' educational, cultural and community service activities. WSWR has also sponsored pregame events for which the proceeds are turned over to the schools for the benefit of youth programs. The station regularly airs public service announcements for Ashland University, which is a non-profit educational institution, promoting the educational opportunities provided by the university for the residents of the area. I have also participated in WSWR's live coverage of the university's home football games for three years -- coverage which was very popular in the community along with the coverage of the local high schools' sporting events. In small communities like Willard and Shelby, high school and college events are the "glue" which holds the community together. This especially rang true a couple of years ago when the local schools, not unlike schools all over the country, were faced with drug problems. Everyone in the community worked together to eliminate the "outside influences" which contributed to the drug problem and WSWR contributed greatly by its promotion of positive activities undertaken by the local students.

4. WSWR has been part of the community from the beginning of its operations. While the population of Willard is only 6,000, it has an employee base of 20,000 to 25,000 people, workers who look to Willard as a model. WSWR's support of Shelby and Willard is readily evident in its daily local newscasts and its weekly local sports show hosted by Mike Adelman, the Station Manager in Willard. WSWR's news coverage focuses on local issues of concern, such as the school levies, and its coverage is always balanced as the

station is careful to present both sides. WSWR also shows its support of the community without editorializing. In my opinion if WSWR ever engaged in editorializing, the station's credibility is so highly regarded that the listening public would surely take heed.

- 5. Mike Adelman's local sports show also deserves further comment. Typically it brings together the competing coaches from the game the night before. In my opinion, the show, while informative and entertaining, more importantly provides a positive image to the students -- that competition is healthy but that it must be kept in perspective. The show regularly focuses on other matters facing the students, including the importance of a good education, drug prevention, and the like.
- 6. In my view, based on my personal observation of WSWR's involvement in Shelby and Willard and its activities, WSWR has no other competitors in the area as far as its support for, and dedication to, the community. Its enthusiasm for Shelby and Willard enlightens and educates its listeners and I strongly support the renewal of WSWR's license.